the event began. it was assured that the competition was going to be very stiff and that only the strong would survive. Naturally, the competition began on Friday evening with all of the side events such as team Kumite; continuous sparring; and synchronized kata.

Here are the results of the competition by the USKA members and the USKA Hall Of Famers:

Name	Division	Weapons	Kata	Kumite
Blaine Query	Advanced Men		4th	4th
Chris Otwell	Black Belt 13-17 Yrs	1st	4th	
Sandy Cheung	Brown Belt Women		1st	3rd
Sue Hawkes	Black Belt Women Exec		4th	
Chris Hawkes	Black Belt Men Lt Wt			2nd
Cassandra Shults	Black Belt Women			2nd
Teresa Davies	Black Belt Women 15-17			2nd
Cathy Davis	Black Belt Masters/Women		4th	3rd
Daniel Jordan	Black Belt Men/MiddleWt		2nd	4th
John Pat Bullock	Black Belt Men/Hvy Wt		3rd	1st
Joe Dupaquier	Black Belt Masters/Men	2nd	1st	1st

To cap off these results The USKA Black Belt Team, comprised of **John Pat Bullock**, **Joe Dupaquier**, and **Travis Bush**, won their respective competition in the team sparring division. John Pat really sent everybody reeling when he won the Kumite Grand Championship. As always, there was never a dull moment in watching these warriors at work. It made no difference whether they were male or female, they came to compete and that is exactly what they did. The US Karate Alliance was represented very well and it

further attests to the ability of the competitors to come outside of their own comfort zone and prove that their skills are as good or better than their peers from other areas.

Guess what? **John Pat Bullock** was promoted to 4th Degree Black Belt during the PKC International Awards Banquet. Dr. Jordan surprised John Pat with the promotion that has been earned and well deserved. He has been a shining example for his Sensei, his peers, and himself. John Pat has traveled far and wide and is recognized as one of the most outstanding competitors in the country. The President of the US Karate Alliance Hall Of Fame and all its members would like to take this opportunity to congratulate John Pat on his promotion, his accomplishments, and his Grand Championship at The PKC Internationals. We know from your past achievements and performances that you are a great achiever and a shining example to those who come behind you.

The final highlight at the awards banquet was another surprise from United States Karate-Do Kai Bushido and PKC members. **Eugene Talbott**, **Kevin Chalfant**, **John Manley**, and **Bill Bowling**. These gentlemen made very heart warming presentations to **Mr. Hawkes**, **Dr. Jordan**, **Mr. Koeppel**, and **Mr. Keeney**. The presentation was a very beautiful custom gold inlayed dragon. Each of the men made very profound statements as they presented the dragons to these highly distinguished Martial Arts pioneers. Since the dragon is symbolic of body strength, this was most appropriate for these men in view of the many things that they have done in contributing to the growth and stability of karate and those standards that were set many years ago by the late **Grand Master Robert A. Trias**. Everyone was touched deeply by the sincerity shown as the men made their presentations to the directors. It is a most rewarding feeling to see the camaraderie, loyalty, and devotion that has developed among the heads and members of the different, but similar organizations. This is another example of how so much can be accomplished when we work together.

BART LOOMIS: TAPPING INTO THE WARRIOR

by Rick Nathanson, 7th Dan

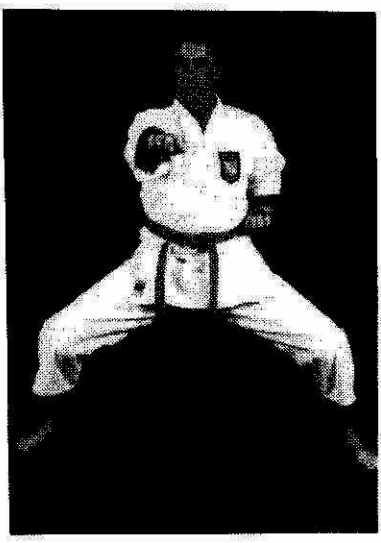
Bart Loomis has on some intuitive level plugged into the spirit of "Bushido," or the way of the warrior. A brown belt who trains under Joe Dupaquier in Louisiana, Mr. Loomis is the kind of guy who you just know has a Black Belt in his future.

Mr. Loomis is one of those rare individuals who commands attention, if not respect, by virtue of his physical presence and his attitude of disarming confidence. He stands 6-feet 3-inches tall and weighs in at 188 pounds. And at age 54, he has just enough years on him to make the

casual observer conclude that he is the head sensei, rather than a student -- a source of great amusement to Mr. Dupaquier, who is somewhat more compact in size.

Mr. Loomis is a model of controlled intensity, said Mr. Dupaquier. "Bart is very self disciplined and a real inspiration to the other students," he said. "He works his butt off and doesn't take anything for granted. I think a lot of it is because he has a serious military background."

"Inner fire and ferocity is an interesting trait," said Mr. Loomis. "I exercised it in Vietnam when I was a chief scout in the Marine Corps as head of intelligence for 1st Battalion, 1st Marines."



Bart Loomis

But even before he became a soldier in Vietnam, Mr. Loomis was being groomed in an environment that paid homage to the warrior spirit. During World War II, his parents both worked for the OSS, the predecessor agency of the CIA. His father was based in Asia. The family made their home in Connecticut after the war, but their time in Asia made an impression, Mr. Loomis said. A portion of the home was furnished with such things as Oriental furniture, rubbings of Confucius and an authentic Samurai sword from the late 1600s. His father spent countless hours there playing the Japanese board game, Go, and became a certified champion player.

"I grew up with a love of things Asian, and I still have it," Mr. Loomis said. In particular, it was the Asian mindset that intrigued him, and the connection with the ancient warrior class. He also recognized the importance of tapping into that mindset, not just for himself, but for his five sons, all of whom studied karate under Mr. Dupaquier. By the time Mr. Loomis himself began studying under Mr. Dupaquier in 1993, they had known one another for more than a dozen years.

'My first marriage was breaking up and I looked to martial arts to be the release I needed from tension, frustration and anger," Mr. Loomis said. He also needed a physical release from the day-to-day demands of his job as a mechanical engineer, president and chairman of J.H. Menge and Co., which designs heavy machinery for use on the docks along the Mississippi River.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Loomis threw himself wholeheartedly into the study and practice of karate. He became a fixture around the dojo, at tournaments and at seminars. By the time the 1997-98 point season rolled around he was ranked second in Kumite in the Kyu Senior Men division. He finished the 1998-99 point year ranked sixth in kata in

the Senior Brown Belt and below division. And several years in a row he was presented with his dojo's "Most Spirited Student" award, a testament to his determination, positive attitude and the example he sets for other students.

Mr. Loomis' enthusiasm and drive have not gone unnoticed outside his own dojo. According to Sue Hawkes, administrator of the United States Karate Alliance, "Mr. Loomis keeps up with the current Alliance events. We see him at Nationals and World Championships each year, and afterwards we receive a wonderful letter telling about how he had a great experience and how glad he was that he could attend. I'm really touched that he would take time out of his busy schedule to write a "thank you" for being able to attend an event."

It was on Thanksgiving Day 1999 that Mr. Loomis had to look deep within himself and call on the warrior inside for help in meeting an unanticipated challenge. A heart attack knocked him down, but only temporarily. Within weeks of his medical crisis, he slowly began to push himself to resume an active life. Working out of a hospital fitness center where he goes for rehabilitation, Mr. Loomis daily practices basics, kata and bo form, and sometimes does them in a swimming pool for added resistance and strength training. He said he hopes to return on a regular basis to karate workouts in the near future, a sentiment echoed by Mr. Dupaquier. In the meantime, he goes to tournaments, promotion tests and other dojo events to encourage and show support for his fellow karate-ka.

"There is no question in my mind that my martial arts training has helped me to get through this little setback," Mr. Loomis said of his heart attack. "It's that idea of self control and respect for your opponent in the moment of ferocity." Those are the traits that ought to show themselves at all times, he said. "It's the way that I've come to live my life. As older members of this way of living our lives, we continually see our effects on younger practitioners. We see how they gain self respect, we see that younger martial artists learn control."

And if we look beneath the surface, Mr. Loomis said, we can see "Bushido," and the way of the warrior.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Proposals for the 2001 National Convention:
All proposed amendments to the Rules must be submitted to Alliance Headquarters by February 5th to be included in this year's agenda at the Alliance Nationals. These may be submitted by mail to: USKA, P.O. Box 8643, Albuquerque, NM 87198, by fax to: (505) 831-5339, or by E-mail to: uska@uska.net.

Tournament Promoter's:
If you have a date in mind for your next event, contact Headquarters as soon as possible to be sure there aren't any conflicts.